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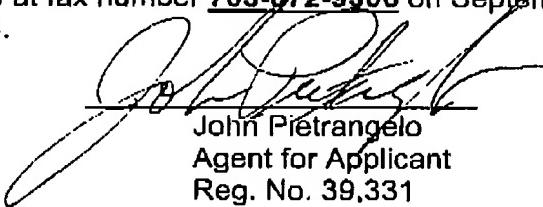
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Serial No.: 09/966,028                          Group Art Unit: 3724  
Filed: September 28, 2001                          Examiner: Dexter, Clark F.  
Title: **SAFETY DEVICE FOR STRIP DISPENSING MACHINE**

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Attention: **Burnell Ross**  
Legal Instrument Examiner

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

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**Introductory Comments**

This Response to NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT is being submitted in response to the Notice mailed September 13, 2004. Since this Response to NOTICE OF

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**ATTENTION: Burnell Ross  
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**Re:** Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment  
**Title:** Safety Device for Strip Dispensing Machine  
**Serial No.:** 09/966,028  
**Our File No.:** 1759.053

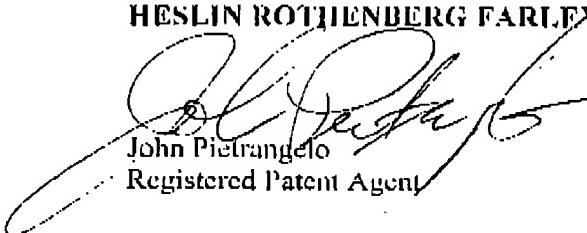
Dear Examiner Ross:

Enclosed please find a Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment in the above-captioned case for your review.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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Application No.: 09/966,028  
Amendment Dated September 24, 2004  
Reply to Notice of Non-compliant Amendment of Sept. 13, 2004

**NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT** is being filed on or before October 13, 2004, that is, within one month of the date of mailing of the Notice, this Response is being timely filed.

In compliance with the Notice, the Applicant herein submits an updated Amendment to the Claims submitted with the Response filed on June 22, 2004. The Applicant requests that the attached updated Amendment to Claims be considered with the rest of the Response filed on June 22, 2004.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.